GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3835
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CONSTRUCTION OF FIRING RANGE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed 'firing range' at Chatara, Bihar, is delayed due to the agitation of displaced people from there;

(b) whether the Government have taken a decision to shift the above firing range in Rajauli (Nawada) in Bihar itself as the landlords of the Rajauli area have offered their land for the same;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d) : At present there is no proposal to establish a field firing range at Chhatra in Bihar. The nearest field firing range is at Deuri Dumri, which is approximately 5 kms. away from Chhatra. However, due to resentment against firing being conducted at Deuri Dumri by the local population for the last few years, the State Government of Bihar who had been approached has offered an alternative site at Palamu located 6 kms west of Chhatra for the field firing range.